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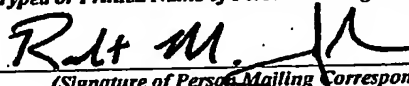
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[0001] This patent application is being filed as a provisional patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c).

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 [0002] The present invention relates generally to the field of portable organizers and clipboards, and more particularly, to portable organizers forming a storage compartment for retaining various documents, writing instruments, and electronic devices, and having an outer surface adapted for use as a portable clipboard. Even more particularly, the present invention relates to a portable clipboard organizer
10 assembly for use in appraising real estate, measuring the interior and exterior of building structures, and surveying.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] With reference to the attached Figures 1 - 7, the present invention provides a clipboard organizer assembly. 10 comprising a pair of opposing members, namely, a top member 12 and bottom member 14, pivotally connected along its
15 respective lower ends 12a, 14a and moveable between an open position as shown on Figure 1 to a closed position as shown on Figures 2 - 7. Each top member 12 and bottom member 14 has a generally planer portion 12c, 14c bounded by a circumscribing side portion 12d, 14d integral therewith and extending upwardly
20 therefrom as shown in Figure 1. The side portion 12d of the top member 12 extends upwardly from the planer portion 12c thereof and terminates along a top edge 12e. Similarly, the side portion 14d of the bottom member 14 extends upwardly from the

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planer portion thereof **14c** and terminates along a bottom edge **14e**. In the closed position, at least a portion of the top edge **12e** and bottom edge **14e** are in sealing engagement to create a storage compartment formed by the opposing members **12, 14**. As shown on Figures 4 and 5, at least a portion of the top edge **12e** and bottom edge **14e** are in conforming contact when the clipboard organizer assembly **10** is in a closed position.

[0004] The present invention comprises means for pivotally connecting the lower ends **12a, 14a** of the top member and bottom member such as a hinge **16** connected thereto or formed integral therewith. The present invention further comprises a handle **18** formed integral therewith proximate the upper ends **12b, 14b** of the respective top and bottom members for use in carrying the clipboard organizer assembly **10**. The bottom member **14** has an outer surface adapted for use as a portable clipboard, and affixed thereto proximate the lower end thereof is a conventional clip assembly **20** for use in securing papers and notepads thereto. The present invention further comprises means for securing loose ends of papers to the outer surface of the bottom member **14** proximate the top end thereof, such as an elastic band **22** attached at its ends to the outer surface of the bottom member **14**, as shown in Figure 3. The invention also comprises means for selectively securing the upper ends **12b, 14b** of the top and bottom members when these members are in a closed position, such as a latch **24** shown in Figures 2 and 3.

[0005] The present invention may further comprise at least one means for securing an electronic laser measure or other electronic device to the inside surface of the bottom member **14** such as a hook and loop fastener **25** attached thereto. The

in the attached Figures 6 and 7, which demonstrates that the present invention contemplates employing the aforementioned components in different configurations without departing from the scope thereof, as may be necessary to allow for operation of handheld electronic devices of various configurations.

5 [0008] The present invention overcomes the limitations of the prior art by providing a clipboard organizer assembly that may be utilized in appraising real estate, measuring the interior and exterior of building structures, and surveying. It is also contemplated that the present invention may be utilized in other applications in which other electronic devices may be utilized in conjunction with a clipboard organizer
10 assembly.

[0009] The present invention solves or enhances all obstacles to making a clipboard organizer assembly that is feasible in today's economic environment. It is to be understood that the form of the invention shown is a preferred embodiment thereof and that various changes and modifications may be made therein without departing from the
15 spirit of the invention.

May 5, 2003

After trying, and watching others trying to use several electronic devices in my appraisal business, it came to my attention that one of the biggest drawbacks is: too much to carry and not enough hands. Using several devices in the field can be a big challenge for surveyors, appraisers, Realtors, etc, due to the problems with needing to use these devices simultaneously. After trying several ideas, I decided to design a device that would allow this to become much less effortless.

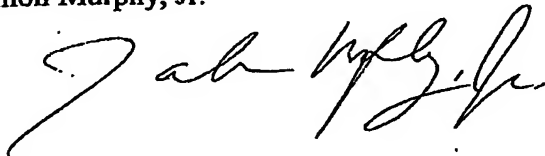
The benefits of my idea to use a specially designed device to hold several electronic and related devices:

A user may be trying to juggle a clipboard, PDA, laser measurer and camera all at the same time. Being able to view a PDA or Tablet computer screen and a laser measuring device screen at the same time is a very big need for users in several industries. Also having a clip device, which holds folders, is also useful. Using my device, one can easily handle carrying and using a PDA, Tablet computer, GPS unit, laser measuring device, and other useful electronic devices with great ease. The device has a handle, and will even allow all of these items to be carried in one hand, freeing the other hand for other uses.

Through the openings in the device the user can carry a PDA with attached components such as: GPS Card, Detachable Digital Camera, cables for charging or attachment to other units, etc. The user can also use these openings for a larger self-contained GPS unit. There is an opening that facilitates the use of a detachable PDA camera. There is also an opening on top, which can hold a laser-measuring device, with another opening on the side, which will allow the laser to pass through to the selected target. There is also an opening on the end, which allows the user to attach a scope to the laser, or look through the built-in scope on some models. A hole on the bottom of the clipboard allows the use of a tripod, or stabilizing handle, which is useful when using some of the functions of the laser measurer.

All of these features combined, allow users to handle several devices at one time, being able to better concentrate on the task at hand.

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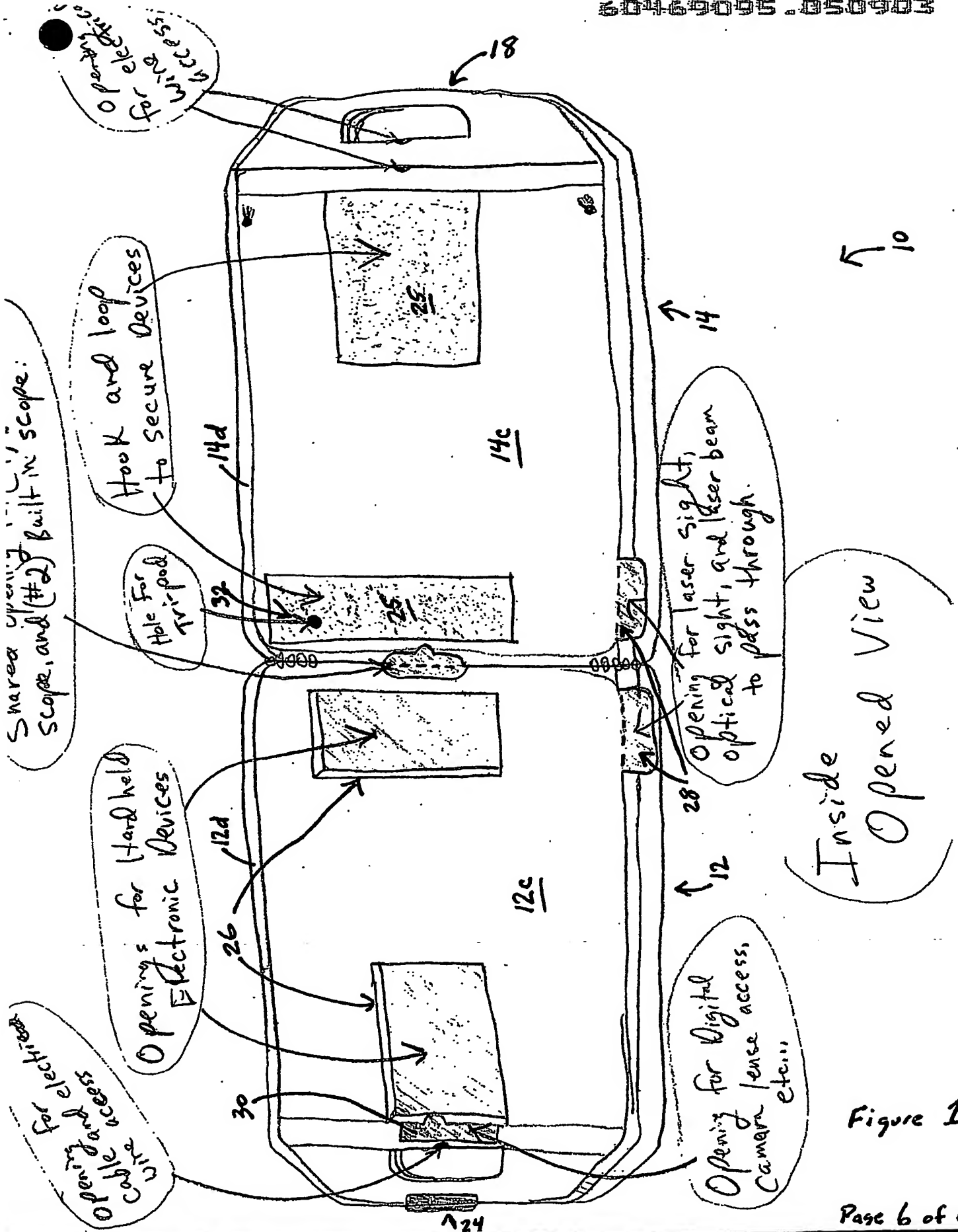


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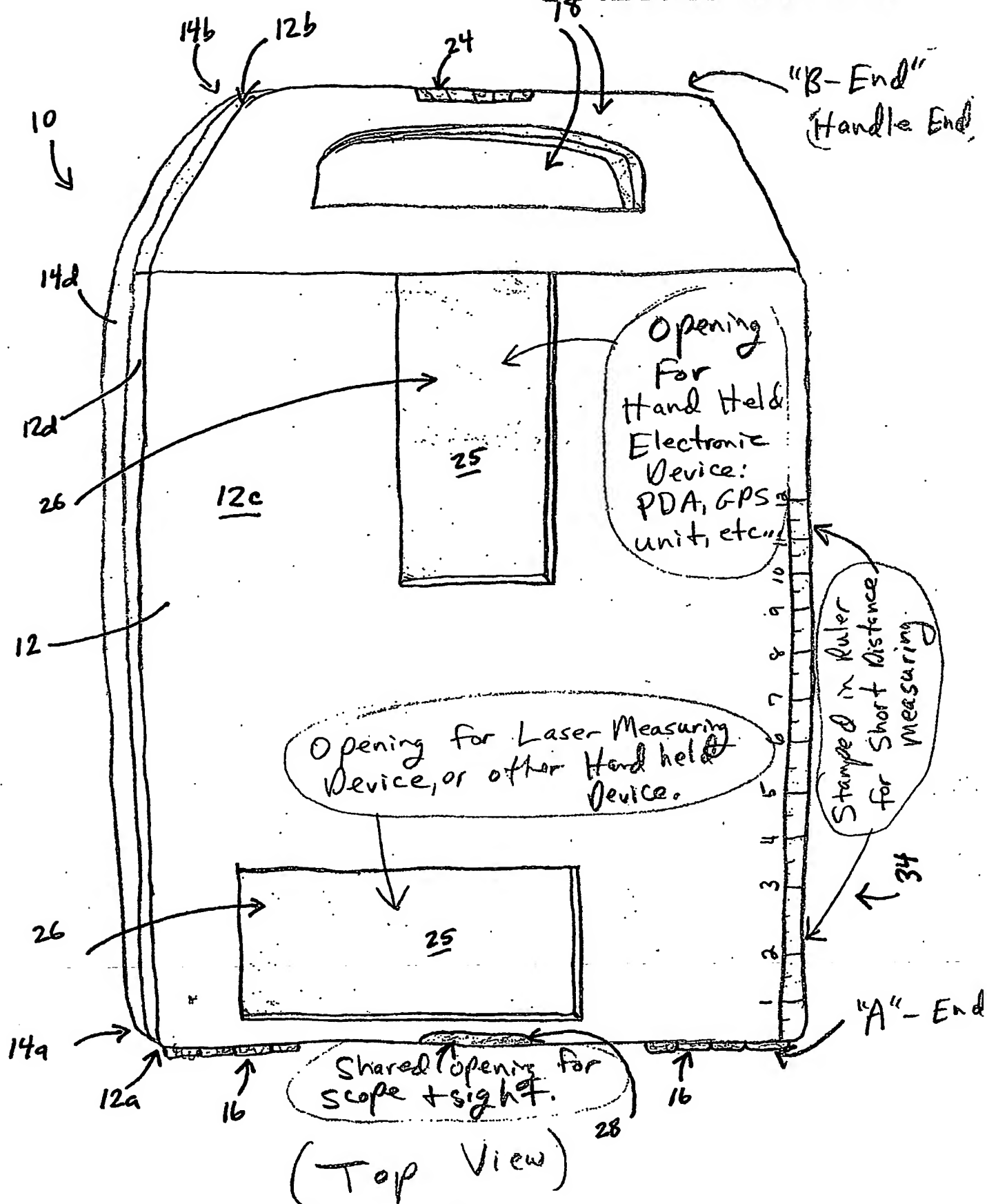
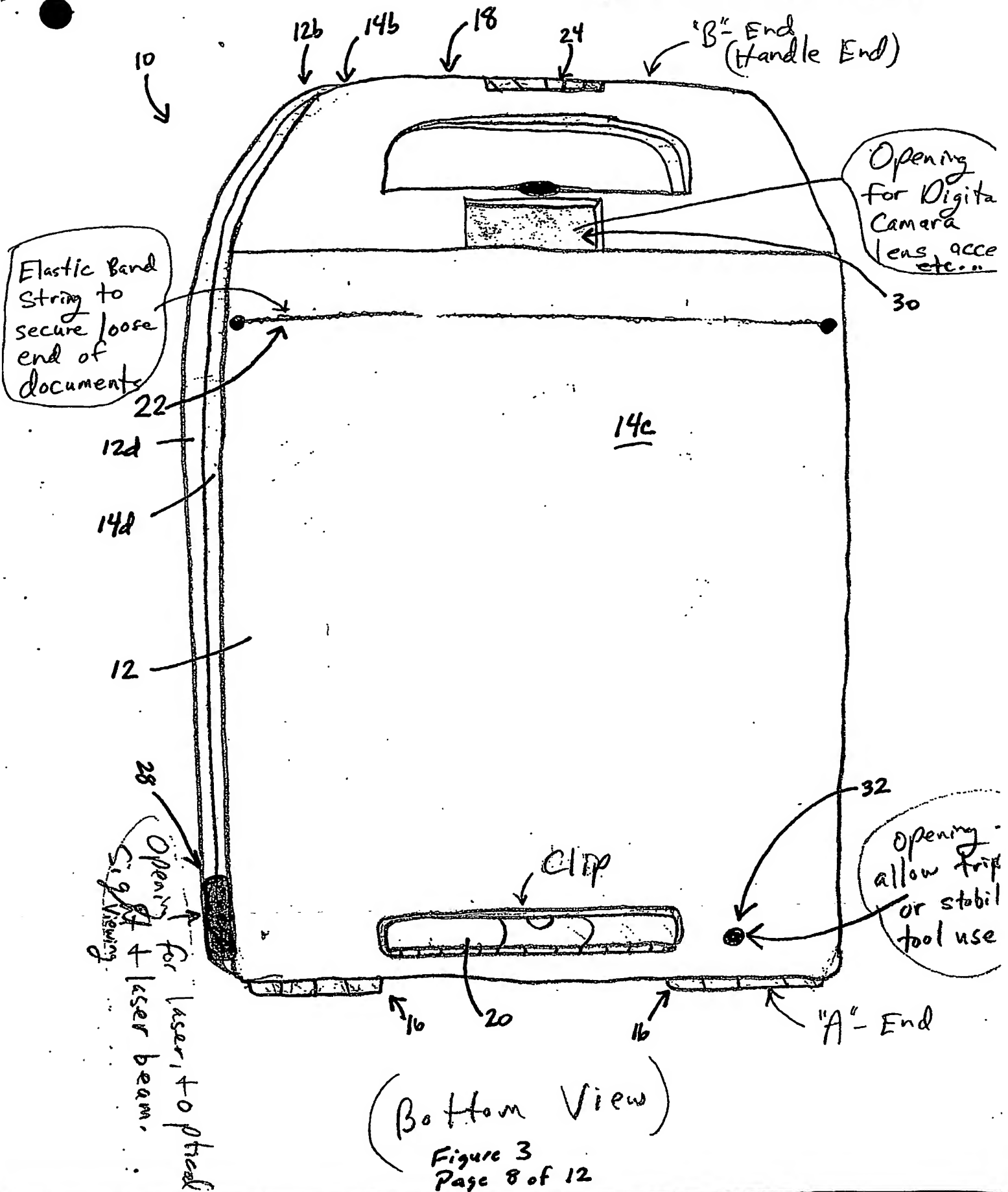


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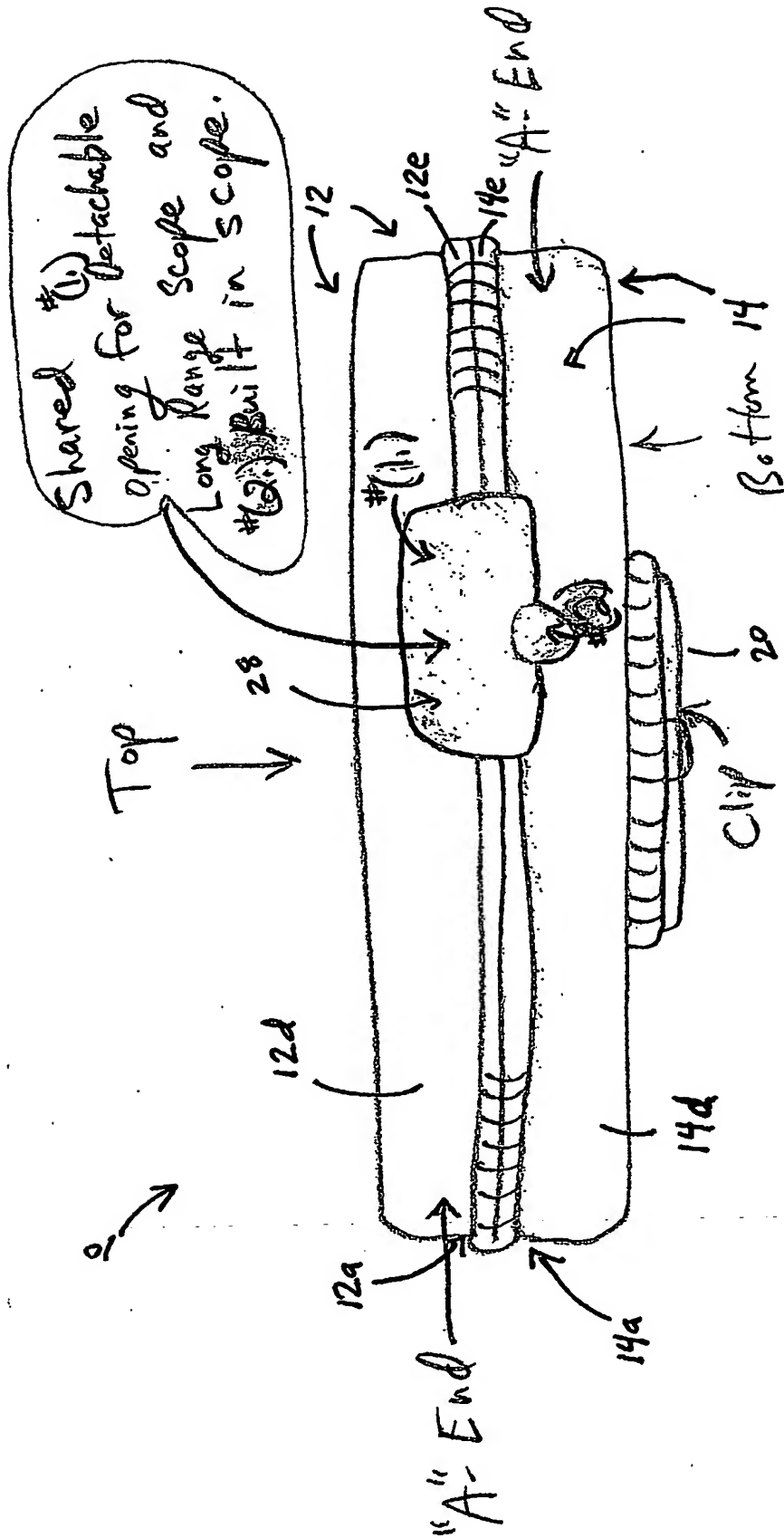


Figure 4

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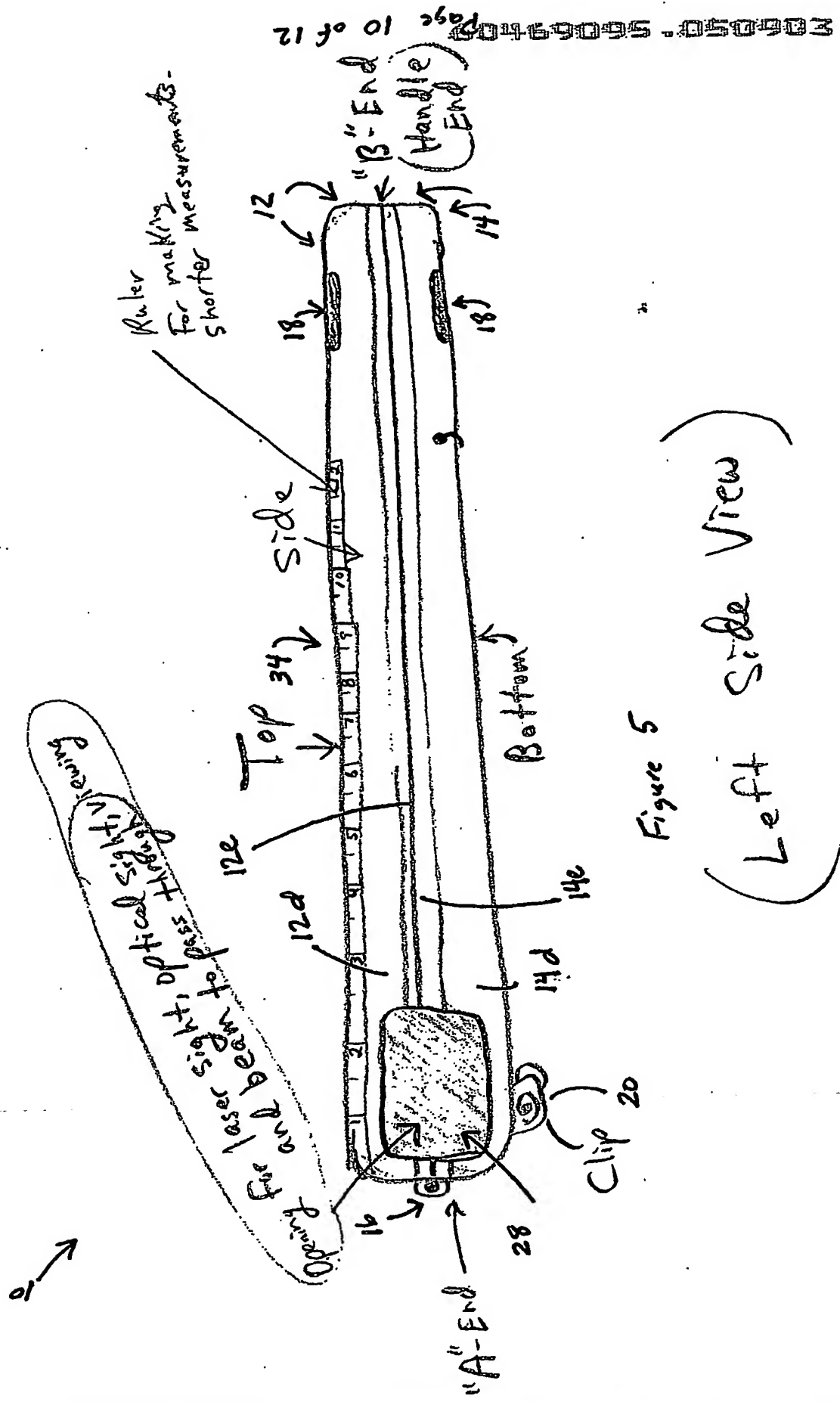


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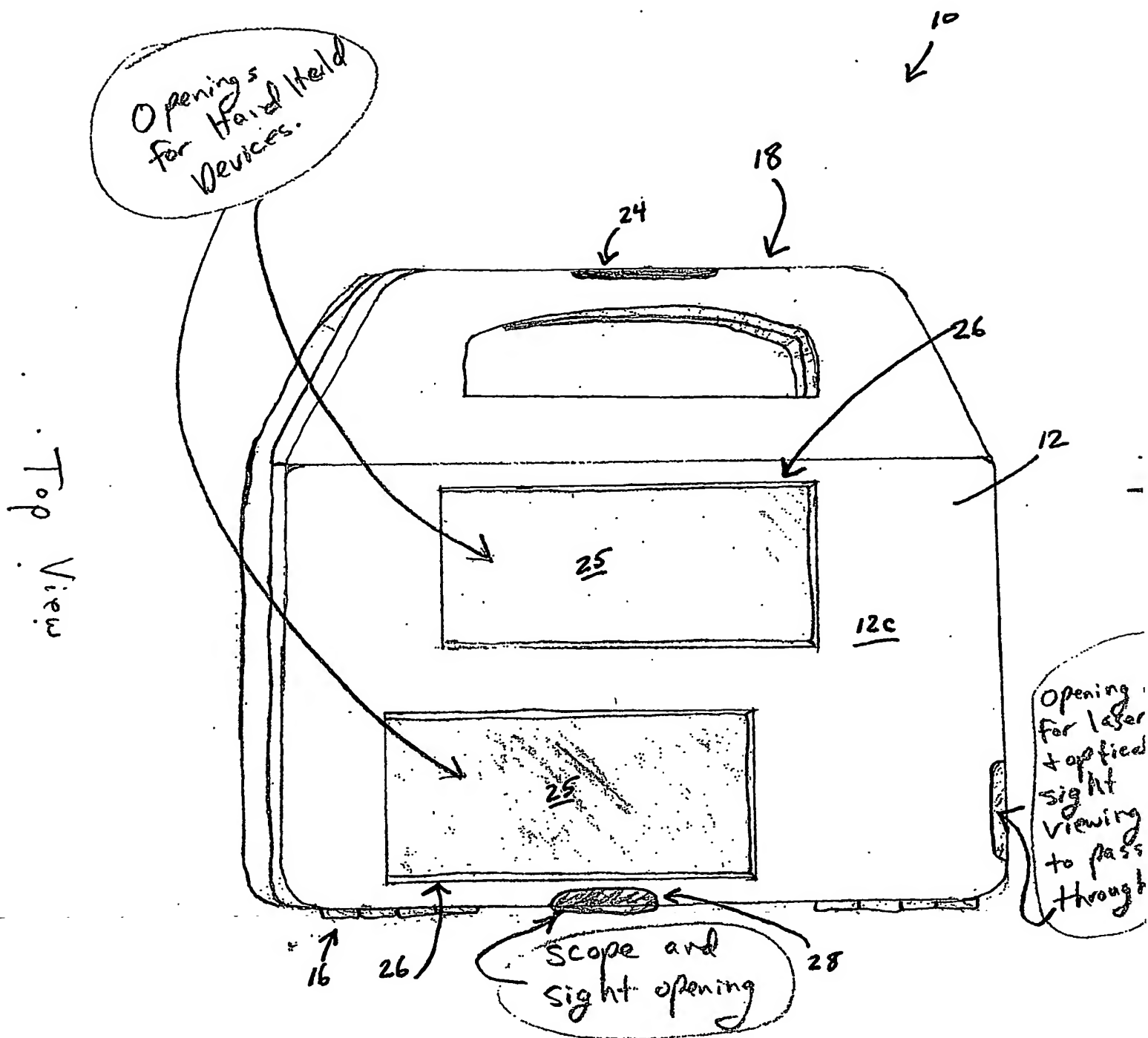


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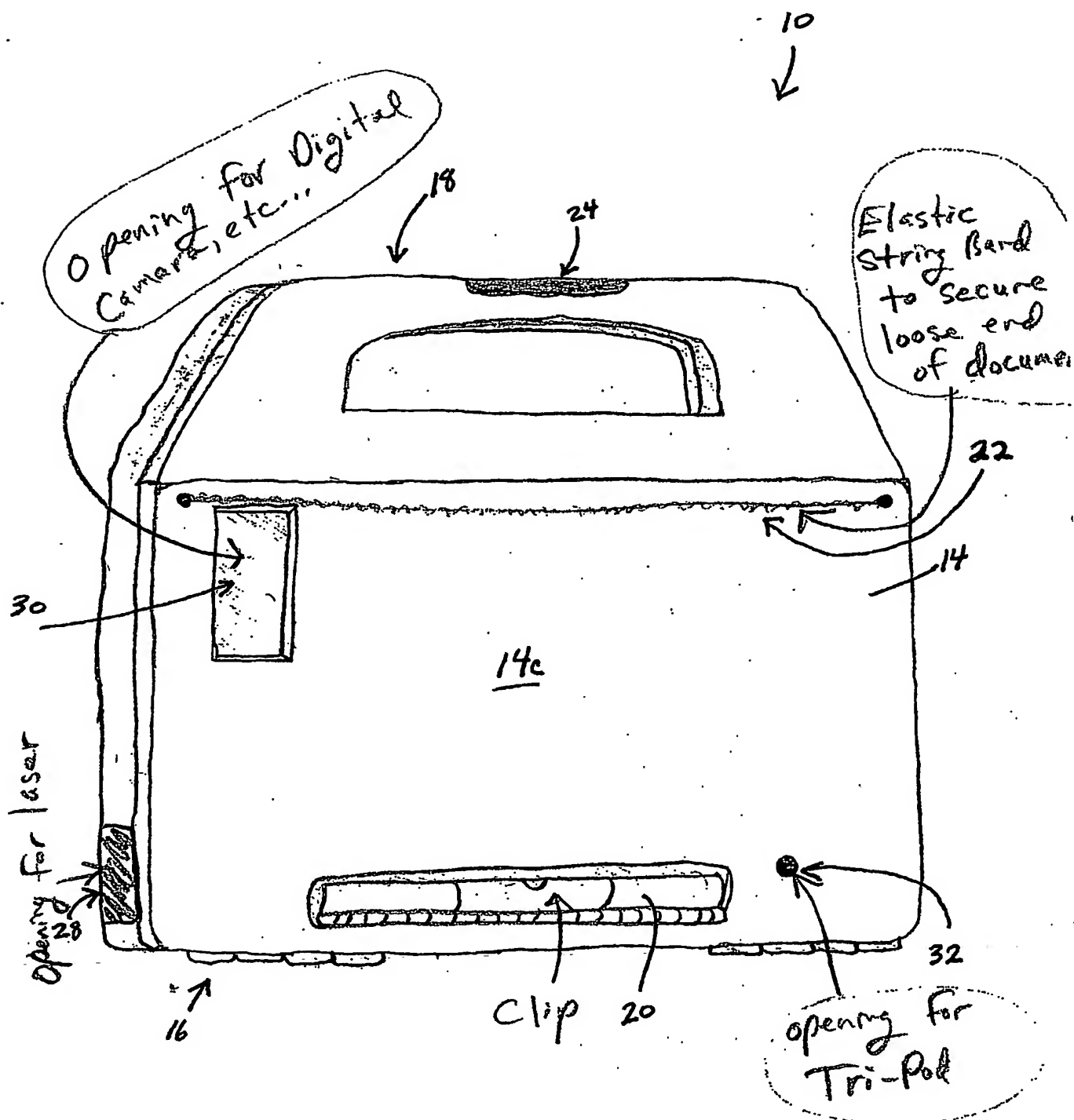


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